The following thermal power projects have been submitted for Techno-Economic Appraisal to the CEA :

Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Remarks
Sanjay Gandhi TPS Extn., State Sector	500	The revised technical and cost details of the project are awaited as per comments given by CEA.
Amarkantak TPS Extn., State Sector	210	DPR received in CEA on 13-11-2002.

Tariff Rates charged by SEBs

858. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the present per unit rates being charged by different State Electricity Boards *vis-a-vis* 1991 for consumption of electricity in domestic, commercial, industrial and agriculture sectors;

(b) the details and number of times the tariff was revised by the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue guidelines for charging the tariff by the States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) The information relating to per unit rates being charges by different State Electricity Boards (1991-92 and 2000-01) is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(b) The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB) has revised tariff five times after December, 1991 *i.e.* October, 1992, March, 1994, July, 1995, July, 1996 and March, 1999. After the Reorganization of the State of Madhya Pradesh tariff has been revised in the State in October, 2001.

(c) Consumer tariffs are required to be fixed by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) in the States where such Commissions have been set up under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998 or under the State Reform Acts. Where SERCs have not been set up or are yet to become fully functional, tariffs are determined by the State Electricity Boards/ State Electricity Departments. However, Union Government has constituted a

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Consumer Category-wise Average Tariff *(Paise/Kwh)*

SEB	Domestic		Commercial		Agriculture		Industrial	
	1991-92	2000-01	1991-92	2000-01	1991-92	2000-01	1991-92	2000-01
1. Andhra Pradesh	85.75	174.00	180.80	426.00	8.60	15.00	177.98	439.45
2. Assam	94.70	186.76	165.00	468.66	179.00	272.41	99.10	429.66
3. Bihar	106.62	109.50	120.54	276.60	10.48	13.37	174.58	362.26
4. Delhi (DVB)	81.75	149.86	190.12	415.81	38.00	50.00	190.87	424.80
5. Gujarat	92.00	243.00	225.00	448.00	11.00	39.00	188.00	439.57
6. Haryana	70.09	259.33	149.47	411.73	25.50	37.02	170.95	428.00
7. Himachal Pradesh	57.00	104.00	120.00	261.00	33.00	50.00	97.00	265.00
8. Jammu and Kashmir	27.20	85.00	52.50	160.00	11.80	220.00	46.60	135.00
9. Karnataka	85.82	198.00	261.01	572.12	4.20	30.51	185.38	409.93
10. Kerala	54.45	81.02	105.50	436.40	25.11	67.21	82.54	225.18
11. Madhya Pradesh	48.90	159.58	167.29	430.64	24.52	7.20	183.84	437.77
12. Maharashtra	96.23	248.02	193.71	456.39	15.21	82.28	207.22	419.93
13. Meghalaya	73.50	135.53	115.70	192.23	42.67	51.72	106.10	208.26
14. Orissa	37.74	175.72	106.23	369.74	30.88	107.73	89.10	322.98
15. Punjab	91.75	211.46	160.59	368.56	10.80	0.00	125.80	300.26
16. Rajasthan	78.05	190.87	156.16	429.76	30.99	46.26	157.83	392.88
17. Tamil Nadu	77.99	169.26	212.60	401.70	0.00	1.31	167.23	379.60
18. Uttar Pradesh	80.92	185.17	158.20	431.50	31.58	107.83	210.94	464.44
19. West Bengal	69.00	148.88	97.10	237.28	19.23	57.87	125.90	320.01
Average :	77.27	184.16	165.27	406.65	16.10	35.38	171.47	368.37

SOURCE : Annual Report on the working of SEB's—2002 "A Planning Commission Publication"

High Level Committee with the objective of formulating a tariff policy as envisages under section 13(e) of the ERC Act.

Setting-up Gas-based and Thermal Power Plants in Assam

859. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas-based and thermal power plants proposed to be set up in Assam;

(b) the steps taken by Government to expedite the completion of these plants in the State; and

(c) by when these plants are likely to become operational ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The Lakwa Waste Heat Recovery Project (1×38 MW) has been included in the capacity addition programme of Assam during the 10th plan. The project does not require Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) as the cost of the project is less than the limit prescribed by the Government for appraisal of projects. The project can be commissioned within 21 months from the date of placement of order on turn-key basis. CEA's comments on the technical and cost aspects have been communicated to the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB).

Completion of hydro-electric projects

†860. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have emphasised the need for completing the hydro-electric projects within a period of four years and every possible assistance has been assured by the Ministry in this regard;

(b) whether any direction has been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) With the object of reducing the time and cost over-run of hydro projects so far as they relate to inadequate investigation and non-availability of proper infrastructure in terms of access roads and land, the Government has introduced a three stage clearance process for development of new hydro-electric porjects in the Central Sector. The progress of important porjects in the Central, State and Private Sectors is also reviewed by

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.